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- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. Relevance of JP A-7-13688 and JP A-7-3192 is discussed in the present specification.
- 3. An English-language Abstract of JP A-7-78052, JP A-7-13688 and JP A-7-3192 are attached hereto.
- 4. This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the other documents section of the attached form PTO-1449, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during the examination.

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